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NINTH YEAR CLOSES MAY 3D, 1883.

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ANNUAL SERMON

—BY—

REV. WILLIAM K. TULLY,  
Pastor of Ocean Street Presbyterian Church.

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EXAMINATIONS.

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the  
Closing Week.*

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Thursday Evening May 3d, 1883.

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FORMER GRADUATES:

JAMES DEAN—Class of 1879.

JAMES F. ELLIOTT—Class of 1880.

AMOS S. JERRY—Class of 1880.

LEMUEL W. LIVINGSTON—Class of 1882.

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THE NEXT SESSION BEGINS OCT. 15th, 1883.

## **FACULTY.**

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### **PRESIDENT :**

Rev. SAMUEL B. DARNELL, B. D.,  
Professor of Theology and Natural Sciences.

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WILLIAM B. OWEN, A. M.,  
Professor of Greek and Higher Mathematics.

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Miss HATTIE E. MOREHOUSE,  
Latin, History and General Literature.

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Miss ALICE M. BARBER,  
Free-Hand Drawing.

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JOHN H. BALLOU,  
Physics, Geography and Mathematics.

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Rev. JAMES F. ELLIOTT,  
Intermediate Department.

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Miss ELIZABETH V. LONG,  
Instrumental Music.

## ROLL OF 1882-83.

### CLASSICAL DEPARTMENT.

#### GRADUATING CLASS.

Dilworth, Mary Green.....	Monticello, Fla.
Fortune, Emanuel.....	Jacksonville, Fla.

#### JUNIORS.

Brewen, Louisa C.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Colyer, Joseph A.....	" "
Dilworth, Benjamin.....	" "
Houston, George W. ....	Live Oak, Fla.
Jackson, Elvina.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Jackson, Nona.....	" "
Scott, Annie E.....	" "
Stafford, Lewis W.....	Live Oak, Fla.
Wilson, Crawford B.....	Thomasville, Ga.
Total 9.	

#### SOPHOMORES.

Baker, Susie A.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Bonner, Moses P.....	" "
Bramin, Fannie.....	" "
Comer, Missouri.....	Live Oak, Fla.
Curry, Peter F.....	Ocala, Fla.
Davis, Susie A.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Dawson, Sampson S.....	Oconee, Ga.
Fairchild, Gertrude .....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Grant, Luke.....	Mandarin, Fla.
Hall, Mary A.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Hayes, Irwin.....	Gainesville, Fla.
Howard, Joseph A.....	Fernandina, Fla.
Howard, Katie A.....	" "
James, Catherine.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Madison, Daniel J .....	Williamsburg, Fla.

Meeks, Yorkester K.....	Blackshear, Ga.
Menard, Jr., J Willis...	Key West, Fla.
Michell, Mattie.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Rich, Sumter M.....	Lake City, Fla.
Richardson, Idella.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Walton, Mary L. ....	Key West, Fla.
Ward, Ephraim M ....	Ocala, Fla.
Watson, Lulu.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Wiggins, Lewis.....	Live Oak, Fla.
Williams, William P .....	Monticello, Fla.
Williams, Greenbury.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Total, 26.	

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### TOTAL IN CLASSIC DEPARTMENT.

Seniors .....	2
Juniors ..	9
Sophomores.....	26
Total .....	37

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### FIRST NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Allison, Emma.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Benedee, John.....	" "
Bramin, Philis.....	" "
Bramin, Susie.....	" "
Colyer, Martha A.....	" "
Davidson, Bessie.....	" "
Davidson, Willie .....	" "
Davis, Susie.....	" "
Dixon, Melone. ....	" "
Emerson, Della.....	" "
Fortune, Mary .....	" "
Gainey, Mollie.....	King's Ferry, Fla.
Garrett, James.....	Monticello, Fla.
Greene, John .....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Hamilton, Pierce L.....	Tampa, Fla.
Hart, Henry.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Hicks, Morgan.....	Wrightsville, Ga.
Holsendorf, Lavinia .....	St. Mary's, Ga.



Houston, Jefferson.....	Live Oak, Fla.
Hunter, Lewis.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
James, Addie.....	Thomasville, Ga.
Jenkins, Victoria.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Jones, Moses J.....	Thomasville, Ga.
Johnson, Annie.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Johnson, Dennis.....	" "
Johnson, Peter.....	Gainesville, Fla.
Lancaster, Frank.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Lancaster, Thomas.....	" "
Latimer, Annie.....	" "
Lee, Eliza.....	Thomasville, Ga.
Long, Carrie.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Matheuse, Julia.....	" "
Metheuse, Mattie.....	" "
Miller, Frank L.....	Putnam Hall, Fla.
Phillips, Julia.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Ramsey, Julia.....	" "
Sampson, Ada.....	" "
Smith, Samuel.....	" "
Sneed, Maria.....	" "
Tompkins, Henry.....	St. Mary's, Ga.
Wetmore, Douglas.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Total, 41.	

## SECOND NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

### FIRST DIVISION.

Albert, Richard.....	Starke, Fla.
Aldridge, Bradford.....	Lake City, Fla.
Austin, Willie.....	Key West, Fla.
Baker, Peter J.....	Sanford, Fla.
Beard, Laura.....	Fernandina, Fla.
Beard, Sumter.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Burrell, Wm. A.....	" "
Cox, Edward.....	" "
Dillard, Retha.....	" "
Ferguson, Edward.....	Gainesville, Fla.
Ferguson, Sylvia.....	" "
Gass, Ida.....	" "

Gipson, Willie.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Hamilton, N. P.....	Tampa, Fla.
Hawthorne, Prince.....	Mashes, Ga.
Hendry, Joseph J.....	Tampa, Fla.
Henry, Elizabeth.....	Monticello, Fla.
Johnson, G. Green.....	Mashes, Ga.
King, Wm. C.....	Monticello, Fla.
Lundy, Hattie G.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Moore, Janie P.....	Ocala, Fla.
Moultrie, Benj. J.....	Marion, Fla.
Sampson, Lula.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Seymour, John.....	" "
Siplin, Sidney.....	Monticello, Fla.
Small, Major Wm.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Tillman, Celia .....	" "
Wheeler, George.....	" "
Total, 28.	

## SECOND DIVISION.

Booth, Lawrence R.....	Tallahassee, Fla.
Chapple, James.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Cummings, Laura .....	King's Ferry, Fla.
Defour, Janie.....	Fernandina, Fla.
Doane, Annie.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Dunbar, Alice.....	Houston, Fla.
English, Fannie.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Fleming, Frank .....	" "
Floyd, Sidney .....	St. Mary's, Ga.
Garvin, Florida.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Garrett, Willie.....	Monticello, Fla.
Hunter, Wm.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Ivory, Albert.....	" "
Johnson, Annie .....	Lake City, Fla.
Long, Adaline.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
McCray, Edward .....	Reddick, Fla.
Mizell, Julius.....	Lake City, Fla.
Myers, Mary.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Paramore, Mary L.....	Madison, Fla.
Player, Wesley.....	Gainesville, Fla.
Robinson, Joseph.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Sheffield, Nellie.....	" "

Sheffield, Savannah.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Scott, Millie J.....	" "
Sheridan, Lulu.....	" "
Smith, Ida.....	" "
Spearing, Mary.....	" "
Thomson, Carrie.....	" "
Thomson, Rebecca.....	" "
Tompkins, Mary L.....	St. Mary's, Ga.
Williams, Lulu.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Witherspoon, Henry.....	Monticello, Fla.
Wright, Clara.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Total, 33.	

### Intermediate Department—First Division.

Albert, Frederick, .....	Starke, Fla.
Baxter, Minnie ....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Clark, Peter .....	" "
Colyer, Vincent.....	" "
Crocket, Thomas.....	" "
Edwards, Sallie.....	" "
Hartridge, Emma.....	" "
Hart, George .....	" "
Hayward Lena .....	" "
Hicks, Joseph.....	" "
Hodges, Florida.....	" "
Howard, John.....	" "
Johnson, Camilla.....	" "
Johnson, Charity.....	" "
Menard, Mary.....	Key West, Fla.
McDonald, Qually.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Nattiel, Gambia.....	" "
Nelson, Sarah Jane.....	" "
Sampson, Frances .....	" "
Smith, Georgiana .....	" "
Stephens, Susan.....	" "
Thompson, Samuel.....	" "
Wallace, Leona .....	" "
Total, 23.	



## Intermediate Department—Second Division.

Allen, Maggie.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Baker, Ella.....	" "
Baker, Mary.....	" "
Belamy, Annie... ..	" "
Burnham, Lillie... ..	" "
Bloxham, Sarilla.....	" "
Clark, Ella.....	" "
Clark, Mary.. ..	St. Mary's, Ga.
Curtis, Spencer.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Delyon, Emma.....	" "
Evans, Mary.....	" "
Forbes, Henry .....	" "
Gaskin, Nancy.....	" "
Gilliard, Lavinia.....	" "
Goodell, Lily.....	" "
Gotie, Annie.....	Kings Ferry, Fla.
Grant, Janie.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Green, Benjamin.....	DeLand, Fla.
Harris, Mary.....	Micanopy, Fla.
Hill, Maggie Culp .....	Union's Ville, S. C.
Johnson, Ella.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Johnson, Robert.....	" "
Jones, Idella .....	Lake City, Fla.
King, Martha.....	Fernandina, Fla.
Kinny, Tena. ....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Knott, Edna.....	" "
Mays, Carrie.....	" "
McClendon, Henry C. ....	Thomasville, Ga.
McDuffy, John .....	Lake City, Fla.
McKay, Lydia .....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Middleton, Wm.....	" "
Mitchel, Carrie .....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Napoleon, Rachel.....	Lone Star, Fla.
Player, Amelia .....	Gainesville, Fla.
Ranson, Emma .....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Ross, Maggie .....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Sams, Ella .....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Smith, Lucretia .....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Solee, Rosa ... ..	Jacksonville, Fla.

Starke, Nancy .....	Tampa, Fla.
Taylor, Sarah.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Thomas, Josephine.....	" "
Thomas, Julia.....	" "
Thomas, Lizzie.....	Lake City, Fla.
Watson, Lily.....	Blackshear, Ga.
Wheeler, Ralph .....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Willis, Miley .....	Fernandina, Fla.
Woods, Rosa.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Total, 48.	

### Primary Department—First Division.

Dilworth, Anna Leila .....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Flowers, Doria. ....	" "
Fereby, Mary.....	" "
Gaines, Edward....	" "
Gibbs, Mamie .....	" "
Hawkins, Hattie .....	" "
Hughes, Mary.....	" "
Hughes, Elizabeth..	" "
Hyman, Henry.....	" "
Jackson, Sophia.....	" "
Kelly, Benjamin.....	Starke, Fla.
Knott, Emma. ....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Latimer, Gertrude.....	" "
Lewis, George .....	" "
Morris, Willie.....	" "
McCaskil, Charles.....	Gainesville, Fla.
Nattiel, Richard.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Sams, Clarence.....	" "
Shavers, Annie.....	" "
Sheridan, Grace.....	" "
Singleton, Rosa.....	" "
Smith, Susan.....	" "
Solomon, James.....	Mandarin, Fla.
Thomas, Angy.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Tompkins, Rosa.....	" "
Turner, Lewis.....	" "
Walker, George .....	" "

Wallace, Louisa.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Watkins, John .....	" "
Weeks, Felicia.....	" "
Williams, Nannie.....	" "
Wilson, Mary.....	" "
Wise, Nica.....	" "
Witherspoon, Susan.....	Monticello, Fla.
Total, 34.	

## Second Division.

Alonzo, Sarah A.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Brown, Ellen.....	" "
Callaway, Lizzie.....	" "
Clark, Beulah.....	" "
Coleman, Alonzo.....	" "
Craft, Alfred .....	" "
Craig, Andrew.....	" "
Dekel, Julia.....	" "
Dickerson, Lewis .....	" "
Dustin, Lena.....	" "
Gilyard, Sarah J.....	" "
Griffin, Lizzie.....	" "
Hazzard, David .....	" "
Halliday, Rhoda.....	" "
Hooper, Patsey .....	Lake City, Fla.
Hoyt, Louisa.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Jackson, William.....	" "
James, Vanness.....	" "
Johnson, Isabella.....	DeLand, Fla.
Johnson, Lucinda.....	" "
Johnson, Pristell.. ...	Jacksonville, Fla.
Lott, Georgiana.....	" "
Lundy, Martha.....	" "
May, Annie.....	" "
Monroe, Lizzie.....	McMeekin, Fla.
Smith, Maggie.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Tomlin, Ella.....	" "
Turner, Patsey.....	" "
Walker, Frances.....	McMeekin, Fla.
Walker, Henry.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
Total, 30.	



## MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

Beard, Laura.....	Jackson, Elvina.....
Brewen, Louisa.....	James, Addie.....
Burnham, Lillie.....	Johnson, Anna.....
Comer, Missouri.....	Lee, Eliza.....
Defour, Jennie.....	Lundy, Hattie.....
DeLyons, Emma.....	Menard, Mary.....
Fairchild, Gertrude.....	Moore, Janie.....
Gainey, Mollie.....	Nelson, Sarah J. ....
Hartridge, Emma.....	Watson, Lillie.....
Holsendorf, Lavinia.....	Willis, Miley.....
Total, 20.	

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## BIBLICAL CLASS.

Colyer, Joseph A.....	Meeks, Y. K.....
Curry, Peter F.....	Player, Wesley.....
Howard, Joseph.....	Walton, Mary L.....
Johnson, Rev Dennis.....	Willis, Miley.....
Johnson, Rev. Pristell.....	Wilson, Crawford B.....
Total, 10.	

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## SUMMARY.

Classic Department.....	37
First Normal.....	40
Second Normal—First Division.....	28
“ “ Second Division.....	34
Intermediate—First Division.....	23
“ “ Second Division.....	48
Primary—First Division.....	34
“ “ Second Division.....	30
Grand Total .....	274



## COURSE OF STUDIES.

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### CLASSICAL DEPARTMENT.

**SENIORS.**—Latin—Sallust, Cicero's Orations, Virgil's *Æneid*. Greek—The Grammar, and Whiton's First Lessons. Mathematics: Algebra, completed, Geometry, (Davies',) Civil Government, Logic and Astronomy.

**JUNIORS.**—Latin—Fables of *Æsop*, Roman History, *Cæsar's Commentaries*, two books, Grammar and Syntax. Algebra, Philosophy, Swinton's Universal History.

**SOPHOMORES.**—Latin Translations, and Latin Composition Grammar, Conjugations and Rules of Syntax, Greenleaf's Arithmetic, Physical Geography and Philosophy.

**FRESHMEN.**—Latin—Harkness' Introductory Book, Greenleaf's Arithmetic, Physiology, and Physical Geography.

Declamations required through all the above classes.

**NORMAL DEP'T.**—English Grammar, (Harvey's,) Scholar's Companion, Descriptive Geography, Monteith's Manual, Barnes' National Arithmetic, Leed's United States History, Peterson's Familiar Science and Physical Geography begun.

**INTERMEDIATE DEP'T.**—English Grammar, (Harvey's,) Monteith's Manual of Geography, Barnes' Primary Arithmetic, and the "National" Arithmetic begun. Swinton's Word Book, Independent Fourth Reader.

**PREPARATORY DEP'T.**—Harvey's Elementary Grammar, Swinton's Word Book, Monteith's Primary Geography, Barnes' Primary Arithmetic, Watson's series of Independent Readers, Principles of Writing.

Spencerian system of Penmanship is used through all the school rooms.

## THE NEXT SESSION.

Our School Term consists of twenty-nine weeks, and though this is not as long a session as some schools, yet the excessive heat at either end of the term, and want of funds to pay board in the past, admonish us that this is as lengthy as the circumstances warrant.

The next Term opens October 15th, 1883, and will continue until May 2d, 1884. Admission, One Dollar. Board, One Dollar and Fifty Cents per week. No vacation for holidays, except Christmas day. All persons desiring to attend should arrange to remain until the close of the session. Any further information desired can be obtained by writing to the President.

## THE NIGHT SCHOOL.

The Night School—our original starting point—has been re-established, and the attendance has reached an enrollment of forty. These have been charged Fifty Cents Admission Fee, but no further charge has been made. This, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, will be a permanent feature of Cookman Institute; and it will be of great service to both the boarders who teach them, and the people whose circumstances do not allow their attendance during the day.

## LOCATION.

Jacksonville is the centre of commerce, business enterprise and educational interests, for the State of Florida. No other city has so many avenues of access, or has so direct communication with the whole State. By reason of its various facilities, religious and educational advantages, it enables us to offer in Cookman Institute such attractions and accommodations as could be found in no other city in the State. In and around this centre, the people of color are gathering in large numbers, and here it should be located, where its influences may be most felt in reaching the great desideratum in the elevation of the financial, social and moral condition of this great and growing people. Central to all the suburbs of the city, the site for our buildings, both for church and school, was selected, and in one block. On either corner stands the spire on each building, pointing man upward towards the heights of science and the hills of God. The needs of the Institution could be nowhere so easily met in our State as here. Nor could those raised on the borders of civilization be more easily and rapidly developed than by coming in contact with such influences as are found here.

## OUR BUILDINGS.

The central building erected in 1881, affords us a commodious chapel, for general assemblies of the school and Sabbath services, also by its brilliant lamps for study and night school purposes. The desks are not excelled in any State in the Union. The second story gives us ample recitation rooms, and the third, the dormitories for ladies. These have been filled this year.

Our former chapel makes a convenient dining room, adequate to our present demands, and the two stories above, dormitories for the young men, with those attached have been filled with students during most of the year.

The teacher's residence has been greatly improved at an expense of over Five Hundred Dollars, thereby affording all the teachers can reasonably expect for a home, and its proximity to the other buildings gives opportunity for constant supervision of the pupils by the Principal and teachers.

These buildings are substantially built of brick, and cost but little to keep them in repair, and less liable to fire than those usually erected throughout our city. These can be seen by reference to the cut on the cover of this catalogue.

## BOARDING DEPARTMENT.

The opportunities for purchasing at wholesale rates the most of our groceries enable us to furnish a table that is plain but satisfactory, suitable to the pupils, for \$1.50 per week. And at this price we intend to run it another year. The rooms of the students have been greatly improved. New furniture has been added, and the accommodations for next year will be all that can be desired. Medicines are furnished by the principal, with directions, for all ordinary cases of sickness, and friendly physicians have been very moderate in their charges where severe cases have called for professional advice. No charge is made for rooms; most of the furniture has been contributed through the kindness of friends of the Institution. Students can have their washing done by a laundry woman in the building, for 30 cents per dozen, starched pieces at 6 cents each. Our low prices compel us to have cash in advance for board and expenses unless satisfactory arrangements are made with the President. No student is expected to leave debts behind unsettled. Students must furnish their own towels and washing conveniences.



## THE FACULTY.

The large number of additions to our pupils has made it necessary for us to employ more teachers. In this we have been very successful, and their efficiency has been vindicated in the growth of interest and development of mind throughout the entire school.

Their devotion to the work has been unreserved and untiring, and their interest in the pupils has not ceased with the recitations. But especially the boarders have the opportunity of consulting one, at least, at all times out of recitations. Added to their labors have been gratuitous lectures and addresses by ministers of the Gospel and medical professors.

## THE PUPILS.

Their welfare has been the constant solicitude of those under whom they have been placed. Their sanitary and social condition receive constant attention. And the association of the sexes, while they are carefully guarded, have led to the most homelike and desirable conditions. Much culture and refinement have resulted from proper intercourse at the tables and in recitations. Their unanimous desire to return, demonstrates the happy relations which exist between the teachers and the taught. Seventy-six have made their home in the Institute this year.

## ADMISSION.

Members of all religious denominations are invited to come and share the advantages here afforded, without change of faith, and they have the opportunity of attending their own churches on the Sabbath day. As this contemplates a higher education, only persons over twelve years of age are invited to attend. An Admission Fee of One Dollar is charged to all, for Incidental Expenses.

## RULES TO BE OBSERVED.

1st. Implicit obedience is an absolute requirement from every pupil. No one can remain either as a day or boarding pupil who will not keep this regulation.

2nd. The teachers are to be respected and their directions carried out promptly.

3rd. All students are expected to be present, at or before 9 A. M., to take their places in the chapel, for morning devotion and the daily sessions.



4th. No pupils are excused from any part of the daily sessions except in cases of sickness.

5th. No communications during the school hours are allowed with the pupils from parents or friends without the nature of it being made known to the Principal.

6th. The boarders are not allowed to leave the grounds except at such times as do not affect their studies and recitations. When the students are reported for misdemeanor, they will not be allowed to go out in the afternoons, and the young ladies not allowed to leave the premises without special permission, and this only between 2 and 5 P. M. Students disregarding the above will be held under penalties.

7th. Rising in the morning must be early in answer to the first *gong*. A prompt response must be made to the call for meals and other assemblies, and all rooms put in order before chapel services begin.

8th. All students must furnish their own lights, if they have any for individual use, and extinguish them when the last *gong* for the night is struck.

### MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

We have a competent teacher for this work, and the advancement of the pupils has been highly gratifying to us.

The use of the organ is without charge; Tuition in this department is \$2.35 per month of eight lessons. If lessons are taken on the piano, \$1.00 extra is charged for each month for use of instrument.

Our boarders get a fine opportunity to practice, and in course of one term some have learned to play many pieces of simple music.

The whole number taking lessons the past year was twenty.

### BOOKS.

We have taken great pains in selecting books for our course of study, and these are furnished to pupils at 20 per cent. less than the regular retail price. Persons coming to the Institution are advised not to purchase books until they arrive, and then secure the ones just adapted to their wants.

### RESULTS ACCOMPLISHED.

The four departments—the Classical, Normal, Intermediate and Preparatory—have been developed out of the actual advancement of

the pupils, and through years of study and progress they have acquired the qualifications which entitle them to this gradation. The pupils have developed finely, and display skill in the acquisition of knowledge comparable to any class of people in their circumstances. Cookman Institute has qualified more than two hundred teachers and preachers for their work.

## RELIGIOUS.

Our devotional exercises occur daily at the Chapel, at which all the students are required to be present. Spiritual songs, Scripture readings and prayers, have made this one of the pleasant and profitable features of our school. The students are required to attend Sabbath school and Church services three times every Sabbath, either at our own, or such churches as they may prefer. A Song Service is found to be very profitable, and many of the young people of the city attend the meeting, held from 5 to 6 o'clock P.M., Sabbath afternoons. The Sabbath School lesson for the day is explained, and short addresses are made, by the resident pastors or visitors, to delighted and profited audiences. The students' weekly Prayer meeting on Friday, and Class and Experience meeting on Tuesday evenings, have been great blessings to us this year.

We call especial attention to our Classical Department. It affords advantages not equalled in the State. We have two competent teachers who are thorough in their preparation and service to the pupils. The higher education for the colored race has been demonstrated to be both possible and beneficial to the mental discipline as to any other class of citizens, and it qualifies them for prominent positions which they are called upon to fill.

Our graduates though few in number thus far, have taken high rank, not only here, but in the Universities where they have gone, to complete their professional studies.

## OUR MISSION.

The public schools need a better class of teachers, and the pulpits a more intelligent ministry. In these two essentials to our civilization, our State is sadly deficient. Cookman Institute supplies a great want of many of the colored people, whose future largely depends upon our efforts. We have enlarged our plans to meet this demand, and hope to fill teachers' positions and pulpits with more efficient workman that "needeth not to be ashamed."

Let the young men and women who would be influential among

their associates and in the communities where they live, rise up, enter this open door of privilege, seek knowledge as a precious treasure, and be ambitious to be great by becoming good and wise.

The admission of women to our Boarding Department, has been very beneficial to the habits and social culture of the pupils. Some coming from a distance have boarded in our city, but these not being under our care or much of our influence are liable to be led astray; returning to their homes again to meet life's duties with most of the old and few of the new ideas of social and domestic life. We therefore most earnestly desire parents sending their sons and daughters *not* to allow them to board in town, but to put them directly under our care. We cannot be held responsible for their training and attendance, when not within our buildings.

It is to this end that we have erected our new edifice which gives us enlarged capacity for the accommodation of all the departments, affords many of the requisite conveniences, gives impetus to our work, and bids us look forward to a new year with renewed hopefulness.

## HISTORY.

This enterprise was inaugurated in an unostentatious way in 1872, simply to do good among the needy and neglected masses of freed people. And the good and opulent have approved it in word and deed.

Two hundred dollars was a small sum with which to begin to build for educational purposes, but from that time—September 1872—to the present, means have come in, in answer to prayers to God and applications to men, until thousands have been received and expended in the erection of commodious buildings for our purposes.

Not a bill has ever become due on which extension of time has been required. Sometimes, on the very day in which it was needed, money has reached us to meet these claims. To the kind provisions of a gracious Providence be the praise for these testimonials of God's grace and mercy. Human plans inaugurated to assist this work have been overthrown; thousands of dollars invested by some business men in Arlington Bluff, or Florida Winter Home Association, were lost, and thus just expectations have been blighted; yet, notwithstanding this, from one step to another our work has progressed, until we have twelve thousand dollars worth of buildings, and only one thousand remains to make them free

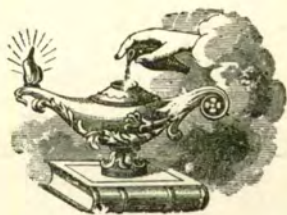


from debt. For this, these kind friends have our gratitude, and we expect before another year all the needed funds will come. And hereafter we may be able to help worthy Christian young men and women in getting an education, as well as some ministers who have already received assistance in paying their board.

To aid this instrumentality by donations to debt, by assisting worthy young persons, providing apparatus or endowment funds, we appeal to the generous; and surely there is no cause of more humane or national importance than the education of the Freedmen.

All our accommodations were filled this year by the increase of nearly fifty per cent. in numbers.

More recitation rooms and dormitories for women will be needed to meet next year's demands. We doubled our capacity two years ago, and this was filled so soon that if we take care of the reasonable increase we must have more land and buildings. The same Divine Helper, we expect will move some hearts to meet this great want.



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